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Application of

Applicant : Ricky E. Robbins  
Serial No. : 10/609,271  
Filed : June 27, 2003  
Title : METHOD FOR DETECTING A SHORTED PRINthead IN A  
PRINTER HAVING AT LEAST TWO PRINtheadS  
Docket : 2002-0460.02  
Examiner : Jeff W. Natalini  
Art Unit : 2858

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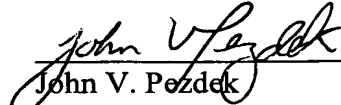
COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance mailed September 9, 2004. Applicant believes, in the Examiner's Reason's For Allowance, that the phrase "the claimed method and devices in combination as claimed including" should be changed to "any of the claimed combinations of method claims 1, 10, 11, and 20 including, but not limited to," and that the phrase "with the first and second printheads in a quiescent state" should be changed to "with the first and second printheads (claims 1 and 11) or the N printheads (claims 10 and 20) in a quiescent state". Applicant agrees with the Examiner that claims 2-9 and 12-19 are allowable because of their dependence on an allowable base claim, but Applicant also believes that, regardless of an allowable base claim, claims 2-9 and 12-19 are allowable because of their added limitation(s).

Applicant would like to point out that the examiner's amendment of claim 13 was made to correct a typographic mistake and not to narrow claim 13.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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